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MH borrows for roads projects

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hills councillors discussed the township's 2020 budget again during a Jan. 30 meeting, and the municipality will take out a loan for the completion of some roads projects.

The township will borrow \$1.95 million for roads and bridge projects in 2020. That includes borrowing \$400,000 for the rehabilitation of the Sunnybrook bridge in downtown Minden; \$230,000 for drainage work along Shetland Road; \$10,000 for work on the Milburn Road bridge; and \$160,000 toward the rehabilitation of the Sedgwick Road bridge. The latter project has an estimated cost of nearly \$1 million, and the township has applied for \$800,000 worth of provincial and federal grant funding through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program for its completion. Should the township be unsuccessful with that grant application, then the issue of what to do about the Sedgwick Road bridge, which will require regular engineering inspections, will come back to the

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Art appreciation

Fellow artist Tom Green attended the opening reception on Feb. 1 of Tiffany Howe's exhibition, *Salvaged Remnants*, at Agnes Jamieson Gallery. The exhibition is open until Feb. 29. Read more on page 4. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

County residents charged with drug trafficking

Sixteen people, 13 of them residents of Haliburton County, are facing numerous charges after a nine-month investigation targeting individuals responsible for trafficking cocaine into the Haliburton area from the Greater Toronto Area.

On Jan. 30, Ontario Provincial Police executed six warrants in the Haliburton County

area, Oshawa and Scarborough with the assistance of the tactics and rescue unit, aviation unit, canine unit, emergency response team, and both the Haliburton Highlands detachment and City of Kawartha Lakes detachment of the OPP.

The "Project Imperial," investigation, led by the OPP Organized Crime Enforcement

Bureau and central region community street crime units, led police to identify a significant property crime network directly linked to the accused. As a result, police have recovered stolen property taken from both residential and commercial properties in Haliburton County.

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Guns, drugs, stolen property seized in OPP investigation

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“During the course of the investigation, OCEB and CSCU combined to seize 400 grams of cocaine/crack cocaine, two grams of fentanyl, nine long guns, two black powder revolver firearms, one revolver firearm, one replica handgun and more than \$12,000 in Canadian currency,” reads a police report issued Feb. 4. “Police were able to recover stolen property, including generators, power tools and solar panels.”

In total, 16 people were charged with 82 offences, charged under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and the Criminal Code of Canada after the conclusion of the drug trafficking investigation.

According to the police release, several of the accused were held in custody upon arrest and are expected to appear at an Ontario Court of Justice in various locations on various dates. The investigation is ongoing.

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The reconstruction of IGA Road, pictured here, is one of a number of roads projects the Township of Minden Hills will borrow money for to complete in 2020. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

IGA Road to be reconstructed

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council table. The township will also borrow \$775,000 for repaving along Bobcaygeon Road, and \$375,000 for the reconstruction of IGA Road. Some of these projects also include much smaller additional amounts from reserves, and overall the 2020 budget pulls nearly \$1 million out of the township's reserves.

“The township is accomplishing quite a bit of work through a debenture, here,” public works director Travis Wilson said, although adding the amount of money otherwise allotted for roads work in the budget is actually \$167,000 less than 2019, and that that funding level had been frozen from the previous year. Wilson has repeatedly advised council that a backlog of roads work will have costly implications for the township in future years.

Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell wondered if some more funds could not be found somewhere to mitigate a spike in roads costs that may come in succeeding years.

“It’s the one thing that people see that their taxes go towards,” Schell said.

Since the roads work for the year will already entail loans and drawing on reserves, Mayor Brent Devolin said the only way he saw that happening was through an additional in-

crease in the tax levy.

“The reality is, if we want to do that option, it’s going to go straight to the taxpayer,” Devolin said.

Councillors made no change to the bottom line draft property tax increase during last week’s meeting. The tax levy increase is sitting at 5.3 per cent, which translates to a tax rate increase of 2.15 per cent.

For a residential property with an assessed value of \$300,000 in 2019 with a three per cent phased-in assessment increase, this would equate to an increase in taxes of \$57.08 for the year. Property taxes are calculated by multiplying the tax rate by the assessed value of a property according to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

That is for the lower-tier portion of residents’ tax bills. Tax bills include a lower-tier portion, upper-tier portion, as well as taxes collected for the school board. Haliburton County council passed the 2020 county budget late last month, with a 1.67 per cent tax rate increase. For residential properties, the tax increase translates to an additional \$3.52 for every \$100,000 of assessment. So the owner of a home assessed at \$300,000 would pay an additional \$10.46 at the upper tier for the year.

The next step in Minden Hills’ budgeting process will be a public meeting on Feb. 13.

MH brings some landfill work in-house

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Councillors granted pre-budget approval for the rental of a roll-off truck – used for the transportation of dumpsters – that will allow the township to perform some of its own waste haulage for a six-month trial.

The township will enter into a contract with Canada’s Big Truck Rental to rent one of the vehicles for six months. With a monthly rate of \$6,600 plus HST, the rental will cost approximately \$45,000 annually.

Minden Hills owns and operates three transfer stations, and previously a contractor has been paid to transport bins from the transfer stations to the Scotch Line landfill. Garbutt Disposal has historically performed this work.

“The township also pays contractors to haul construction/demolition material, mattresses and furniture from the Scotch

Line landfill site to alternative locations for recycling and disposal,” reads a report from public works director Travis Wilson. “The total contract cost of these hauling operations is approximately \$110,000. Recent restructuring of the public works department resulted in a full-time operator being dedicated to the township’s landfills in order to reduce contractor costs and improve efficiencies in site management in order to remain in compliance with the requirements of the applicable ECAs (environmental compliance approvals).”

According to Wilson’s report, it’s anticipated the pilot project could save as much as \$55,000.

“During the same period, there is a potential to avoid \$55,000 in contract costs (household waste haulage, staging bins, switches, recycle haulage, etc.) and provide meaningful work for staff currently employed by the township,” his report read.

The money for the rental was included in the 2020 landfill budget.

Incentives for creating affordable housing

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

The City of Kawartha Lakes and the County of Haliburton will host two information sessions next week aimed at developers, landlords and homeowners about incentive programs for the creation of affordable housing.

One session will take place at the Haliburton Legion on Tuesday, Feb. 11 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. and the second will take place at the Fenelon Falls Community Centre on Thursday, Feb. 13, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Both sessions will offer the same information.

"It's all related to the housing and homelessness plan we recently approved," Hope Lee, manager of human services for the City of Kawartha Lakes, told the *Times*. The city is the social services manager for Haliburton County.

Lee presented the housing and homelessness plan to Haliburton County councillors in November. That plan contains information on the lack of affordable housing locally, what is considered affordable rent or affordable home ownership for people in certain income brackets, and also lays out housing goals for the coming decade. That information will be presented at the info sessions, along with details of funding programs for those who commit to create affordable housing in the community.

There is funding available for those who offer to construct buildings with new affordable units, however, as Lee pointed out, "it's not all about building new rentals, or new ownership."

There are incentives available for converting market rental units into affordable units. In the case of a multi-unit building, it could be converting the entire building, or just a certain number of units. Affordable rent means that the amount of rent does not exceed one third of a household's gross income. The city and landlord would agree on what is fair market rent for the units.

"The way the program works, tenants would be selected from our waiting list," Lee said.

The tenants or tenants would pay their share, with subsidies comprising the rest of the landlord's rent. In any cases of damage or disputes, Lee notes that the city's support services will assist landlords.

"Another component is homeowners who have a home they want to create a second unit in," Lee said, explaining that funding is also available for construction costs in such cases. She noted that accepting funding means there is an expectation that units will be provided as affordable housing for an agreed-upon amount of time.

Construction projects will be subject to municipal approval processes, and municipalities themselves are also encouraged to provide incentives for the creation of affordable housing units, such as the waiving of building permits and other fees, and consideration of lowered or waived property taxation.

There are some 1,700 households on the joint waiting list for affordable housing in the combined area of Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes, a 375 per cent increase since 2013. The greatest demand is for one-bedroom units.

For more information about the sessions or programming, contact Elise Karklins, affordable housing program co-ordinator, at ekarklins@kawarthalakes.ca or 705-324-9870, ext. 3105.



Nelson Johnson is the new chief of the Minden Hills fire department. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

From Iqaluit to Minden Hills

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Nelson Johnson has seen a lot of Canada but now is taking in the scenery of the Haliburton Highlands as the new chief of the Minden Hills fire department.

"I have done just about everything," Johnson says, seated in the boardroom of the Minden Hills fire hall, of his 28 years in firefighting. He's been an industrial firefighter, a wildfire firefighter, a municipal firefighter, and for seven years was an instructor at a firefighting school in Alberta.

Born in Fort St. John, B.C., Johnson has lived all over the country, but spent 31 years in Alberta. Before taking the job with Minden Hills, which he started in mid-January, Johnson was deputy chief of the fire department in Iqaluit, Nunavut.

"It's just always been my passion," he says of firefighting, explaining as a kid he'd watch shows about emergency responders, and also lived across the street from a fire hall in Toronto as a child. "I always watched them."

Johnson says he enjoys the perennial chal-

lenge offered by work in the fire services.

"No job is ever the same," he says. "You've got to have that situational awareness."

"I was ready for a fire chief position," Nelson, who after nearly 30 years is entering the final chapter of his career, says of the move to Minden Hills. He says he was also looking to work with a volunteer fire department.

"I've come here and met a wonderful group of volunteers," Johnson says of the department's members. "I look forward to many years of working with them."

A press release issued by the Township of Minden Hills reads, "In his role as fire chief for Minden Hills, Nelson will be responsible for fire and emergency services, and will provide proactive leadership in policy development and implementation, fire prevention and suppression, financial administration, staff recruitment and training and other administrative requirements, relative to fire services and emergency management operations."

Johnson replaces Mike Bekking, who's been the township's interim chief since former longtime fire chief Doug Schell resigned in the fall of 2017.

“It’s not all about building new rentals, or new ownership.”
— HOPE LEE

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The meeting will commence at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden ON.

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LANDFILL TIPPING FEES

Landfill tipping fees have changed. New charges for shingles and large loads of cardboard have been implemented. Fees have increased for mattress and box spring disposal. Boat wrap is no longer accepted. Please visit mindenhills.ca/landfill for a detailed list of tipping fees.

Howe sees connections in Salvaged Remnants

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

Tiffany Howe won't be at her exhibition, *Salvaged Remnants*, at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery for the duration of the show, but with didactics on the wall showcasing her work the multidisciplinary artist told the crowd gathered at her opening reception that the unique way in which her art is displayed makes her feel "like I'm here in the gallery all month having a conversation with you."

Howe said the collection of work is about seeing the potential that things have, about the sentiment behind found objects and random materials, and about how artists communicate with viewers looking into the "art world."

Howe's interest in following the behind-the-scenes stories of "creatives" that share their artistic process online as well as her appreciation for a gallery visitor's potential intimidation by work left open to interpretation led to the didactics on the wall of her show, helping viewers understand both the evolution of her work and the process behind it.

"The exhibition is a slice in time of Howe's day," said curator Laurie Carmount. "Her public posts about her work leave as much of an impression as a paintbrush. Self-made videos of her creating her work connect with the viewer, and Howe offers approachable insight into her whimsical world, and encourages participation and involvement. Comments are added to the work like applique and become intrinsic."

At the opening, a diverse crowd was taking in the exhibition, in which Howe explores, in part, how people are attached to inanimate objects while also being wasteful, and how

we might transform or upcycle items to avoid adding more to landfills in a time of resource scarcity.

"I've always been hyper aware of the wastefulness of our society," said Howe in her artist's statement. "For as long as I can remember it's deeply distressed me that we have industries that produce fast fashion, single-use products and planned obsolescence and the chemicals necessary to put out the massive amounts of these products and the environmental impact they have. It became an obsession to reuse any items in my life that were not recyclable."

She notes that that idea has grown "to become more about reusing objects that invoke emotion in people, the idea of nostalgia."

"So lately the pieces I'm exploring are about the emotions people attach to inanimate objects," she said. "We go to great lengths to keep insentient belongings with us – to travel with them, preserve them, make memories with them. They have no feelings and the purpose they serve is ephemeral, yet we cling to them, squirrel them away and love them. This behaviour has driven me to attempt to reconcile the gap between wastefulness and the impulse to hold onto nostalgia by keeping recognizable elements of the original materials in my pieces."

Howe said she has determined there are three reasons why someone might hold on to something: for the sake of the environment, preventing more garbage; resourcefulness because of the cost of new things; and emotional attachment.

"It fascinates me," she told the engaged crowd. "Part of why I make what I do is because I relate to all three of these. In my materials explorations I've been investigating these ideas. It's very personal but I also know



Artist Tiffany Howe smiles at the crowd gathered for the opening reception on Feb. 1 of her exhibition, *Salvaged Remnants*, at Agnes Jamieson Gallery. The exhibition is open until Feb. 29. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

I'm not the only one who has felt the need to keep stuff. Otherwise there wouldn't be shows like *Hoarders* and *[Tidying Up With Marie Kondo]*."

After the exhibition opened to the public, Howe posted to Instagram when she'd had a couple of days to "let it all sink in."

"I'm so grateful to experience the privilege of sharing my work in this capacity," she

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We go to great lengths to keep insentient belongings with us – to travel with them, preserve them, make memories with them.

— TIFFANY HOWE

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wrote. "This exhibition communicates to the public the inner workings of my process, my journey, the motivations and thoughts behind the art."

Howe noted that the displayed didactics mimicking her social media feed invited the public in.

"Watching people read every one of them and interact with the work itself made my heart flutter," she wrote. "Having people tell me how this was the first time they really felt like they understood the art in a public gallery or were uplifted by my artist talk... I have no words for that feeling... So it's here now and the ideas of how to continue and grow this are racing through my brain a mile a minute." She advised her followers to "stay tuned."

Salvaged Remnants can be experienced at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery until Feb. 29. For more information visit www.mindenhills.ca/agnes-jamieson-art-gallery, howecreative.ca, or follow [tiffanyhowecreative](https://www.instagram.com/tiffanyhowecreative) on Instagram or Tiffany Howe Creative on Facebook.



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Extracurriculars, sports left in state of limbo

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Teachers, parents and students are disappointed by Trillium Lakelands District School Board's decision to cancel all extracurricular activities during school hours at secondary schools.

TLDSB director of education Larry Hope said this decision was made by the board at its Jan. 28 meeting as a result of strike action by the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, which moved to not allow teachers to cover for absent teachers.

"We know this is unpopular, as it has resulted in teachers not being released from their teaching duties to participate with students in league play or tournament events during the instructional day. We did not take this decision lightly and are aware that this is not an ideal situation. It is important to note, however, that our decision was made with the goal of protecting classroom programming to the fullest extent possible. For us, this means we want to make use of the limited number of secondary supply teachers to support classroom programming first and foremost," he wrote.

The decision does not affect any extracurricular activity or event occurring after school hours.

OSSTF district 15 representative Colin Matthew was disappointed by the board's decision.

A press release from the teachers' union states: "The Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) is engaged in provincial job action. None of OSSTF's sanctions target extracurricular activities or field trips. These sanctions apply equally to

all school boards in Ontario. The number of occasional (supply) teachers on TLDSB's list is limited in the collective agreement between OSSTF and TLDSB in order to ensure that there is both adequate availability of occasional teachers and adequate work for those teachers."

The press release also affirms the union's commitment to voluntary extracurricular activities and field trips. It also said following the board's meeting, parents and students questioned why the school board is the only one in the province to make this decision.

Jan Haedicke of Haliburton said the decision disappointed him and his son, a fifth year student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School playing for the Red Hawks hockey team.

Haedicke, a Red Hawks alumnus, wonders why the board is the only one in the province to do this.

TLDSB district manager of corporate communications Catherine Shedden told the *Lindsay Advocate*: "We cannot speak to the decisions of other school boards. We can only respond to the decision made by TLDSB. And in TLDSB classroom programming is our priority. In TLDSB we would have to collapse classrooms and have administrators supervising large numbers of students and classes in libraries and gymnasiums which is not conducive to our priority of maintaining optimal classroom programming."

The board's decision has also jeopardized the winter athletic season for schools such as HHSS because of the Kawartha District Athletic Association, which announced a Jan. 31 deadline stated in a letter to schools on Jan. 23. The deadline coincided with a mem-

bership meeting for members "to finalize the winter season schedules and playoffs."

KDAA president Kathy Carson said an extension to this deadline was reached by the executive along with school representatives, believing it was in the best interest of student athletes.

"In the end we want the students to be able to participate for as long as possible or, hopefully, participate fully. We're just trying to accommodate them. It would have been best if the board would, or could have allowed things to continue as with the other boards. Since not, I think that was what we felt [was] the best we could do," she said.

There will be an effort to reschedule regular season games and competitions after school, she said.

"So the two teams are supposed to try and contact each other and see if they can make it work. Now some things don't work. For example, wrestling is a five-hour a day event ... that might be different than a basketball or a hockey game," she said.

The concerted effort is so students don't feel they're being penalized.

"Hopefully, something can be reached and maybe they can jump back in in time for playoffs, right? Maybe they can reschedule some games and maybe they can't reschedule others. That's going to depend on the sport and probably on the location of the game," she said, referring to the challenges of booking an arena in town compared to a high school gym. "If they can't make a game that doesn't mean they can't still join back in the playoffs later on, but time will tell."

Part of the decision for the extension by the KDAA was also based on the different

start times for playoffs, as volleyball starts next week while hockey begins at the start of March.

The Red Hawks basketball junior and senior teams will host the respective teams of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School on Thursday afternoon, starting at 3:30 p.m. This was possible because St. Thomas is not part of TLDSB, but is part of the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic School Board. This week's Hawks hockey game against Holy Cross will go as scheduled at 4 p.m. at A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

Haedicke said former colleagues of trustee and former HHSS principal and long-time coach Gary Brohman were surprised he was silent at the TLDSB meeting where the decision was made.

When reached for comment about his silence and what message he had for coaches, parents and students, Brohman provided this prepared statement:

"I understand the frustration students[,] coaches [and] parents have concerning the cancellation of extracurricular activities. My wish is for provincial unions and government to settle their differences now not later so we can [get] back to normal schedules in schools," he wrote in an email.

He said he has spoken at length with TLDSB chairperson Bruce Reain.

Haedicke said he can't imagine a final school year without athletics.

"It is something you look forward to because not everyone is interested in the academics, right? So people who are into athletics it kind of balances it out. Without that they don't really want to go to school anymore," he said.



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Incentives

NEXT WEEK, the County of Haliburton and the City of Kawartha Lakes will host information sessions regarding incentive programs available for those who commit to building affordable housing in the region.

These sessions will be worthwhile for builders, developers, landlords, as well as homeowners who might entertain secondary suites in their homes, to attend.

For anyone unaware, there is a massive lack of what is considered affordable housing in the county, as well as in the City of Kawartha Lakes. The City of Kawartha Lakes is the social services provider for the county, and keeps the centralized waiting list of people waiting to get into subsidized housing in the joint area

comprised by the two. The number of people on that waiting list has nearly quadrupled since 2013, and currently has more than 1,700 households on it. Someone who gets onto the list today may wait for as long as seven years before being able to get into affordable housing.

The reasons for that phenomenon are many and interconnected, but certainly housing prices that have increased significantly in the past six years, and new mortgage rules with stricter criteria and larger down payments, have made homeownership more difficult for some. There's also the dearth of rental accommodations in the community, meaning landlords can charge more, meaning more people stay in subsidized housing for longer periods, which lowers

the vacancy rate for those units and increases the size of the wait list.

There is also a huge mismatch when it comes to the type of housing there is demand for, versus the type of housing that is available. While the most common type of rentals available are single detached homes, the greatest demand, by far, is for one-bedroom units.

There are a variety of funding programs available for those willing to construct affordable housing, or convert existing housing into

affordable units, and info sessions will drill down into the details of those funding programs. It's important to note that it's not just about building new housing. Building owners can receive incentives for the conversion of current apartments to affordable units.



CHAD INGRAM
Reporter

Then, while tenants from the waiting list would pay their share (affordable housing is considered that which does not exceed a third of a household's gross income), the difference between that amount and the agreed upon market value of the rental is paid through subsidies. The owner of single detached home can receive funding to construct a secondary suite in that home, with the commitment of providing that space as affordable housing for an agreed upon amount of time.

The info sessions will be held at the Haliburton Legion on Tuesday, Feb. 11 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. and at the Fenelon Falls Community Centre on Thursday, Feb. 13, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Both sessions will offer the same information.



Two trumpeter swans glide along the water on Beech Lake Friday, Jan. 31 in this photo by Tammy Nash.

The lost art of getting lost

IBOUGHT A HANDHELD GPS last week to replace my old one, which finally gave up the ghost in December. Getting a new one was a very difficult decision.

I'm not referring to choosing which model, although there is a great deal of variety in features and price tags on each. No, the decision was difficult because possessing and knowing how to use a GPS removes any chance of getting lost ever again.

Call me sentimental but I miss getting lost. Worse still, I truly believe that, if we are not careful, future generations of outdoors enthusiasts will never learn how to get lost properly.

I know what you are thinking. Getting lost is easy.

Well, yes. But getting lost properly is a different matter altogether.

To get lost properly, you first need to begin with a statement such as, "I'm just going to leave my map and compass in the car because there's absolutely no chance of getting lost here and I don't feel like carrying the extra gear..."

That's a good start.

You can also begin a proper getting lost by telling someone, "I'm actually not sure how to use this compass, but if we need it, we'll figure it out."

Those are certainly tried and true, but, as somewhat of an expert, I feel it is my duty to pass along a few advanced methods.

My favourite one is what I call, "That guy told me there's a brook trout lake over there" technique. In this technique, you park your car at a non-descript location along a back road and walk over at least one ridge. Then you look around for a lake. Several hours later, you, the guy your are going to introduce to fishing and 12,000

black flies stumble towards the sound of a distant chainsaw and, after talking to the man using it, walk down the road back to your car and drive to the boat launch of the lake you were searching for.

Next in line is the, "If I recall correctly" technique. This one begins with you saying those words in association with others such as "when I was a kid there was a beautiful duck pond over there" or "this guy in a bar told me..." or "you make a left at the poplar..."

Another tried and true way to get lost is the "I know a short cut" method. To do this, you leave a nice well-groomed trail or logging road because you think that cutting cross country will allow you to "shave" almost a kilometre from your hike and get there earlier – which probably would have worked if not for a bog, two impassable rivers and an angry cow moose.

What I have described are the primary ways to get lost properly, but of course there are other ways too, such as saying, "Don't worry, I have a fantastic sense of direction..."

The point I am making is that, with modern handheld GPS units, future generations are never going to know the unbridled joy that comes with finding a person who knows where they actually are, or the feeling of elation that accompanies stumbling onto and kissing a road that seems to lead to civilization or just being able to tell your social media friends you picked up 12,000 new followers yesterday (they don't need to know they were black flies).

None of these things will happen if you learn how to use a GPS – unless, of course, you are bad at replacing batteries. Don't ask.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

A lesson for America

THE FIRST WEEK of February is a time of reflection for me. A time to remember a shocking – yet inspiring – tragedy that occurred on the North Atlantic a lifetime ago.

The U.S. army troop ship *Dorchester* was steaming south of Greenland, carrying 900 soldiers en route to the war in Europe. It was just past midnight Feb. 3, 1943 when the ship was rocked by a German torpedo ripping into its starboard side.

Soldiers scrambled for life jackets and life boats as the ship began to sink. Four military chaplains, who gave their life jackets to others, stood on the *Dorchester's* deck, arms locked together and singing hymns as the ship listed and went down. Seven hundred and four of the 900 soldiers died in the icy waters.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

My reflections this year include a fantasy in which the *Dorchester* resurfaces for a day, the chaplains on deck looking out over the United States of 2020. What they see would amaze, and likely sicken them.

There has been progress since they left for war in 1943. Average family incomes have increased substantially. The average standard of living became the highest in the world.

Advances in medicine save lives and improve the lives of those burdened with conditions such as heart disease and diabetes.

Unfortunately, the main beneficiaries of better lives are the rich and the privileged. Today, an estimated 50

million Americans live in poverty, almost 12 million of them children, or one in every six children. And 500,000 Americans are homeless, children among them.

Poor children are doomed to continuing lives in poverty because educational disparity is so huge in the U.S. The best educational opportunities are available to the rich and privileged, not those from low-income families.

Canadian children from low-income families are twice as likely as similar American children to achieve higher incomes because Canada's educational opportunities are more equal.

The most distressing change visible to the resurrected chaplains would be the class structure. They would see their country has developed a class system as bad, or worse, than the English aristocratic structure they eliminated in the American Revolution.

The American aristocrats of today are its billionaires, who use their money, power and influence to pile up more and more privileges to pass along to their inheritors.

Authors Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn note in their new book *Tightrope*, outlining the crisis in working class America, that billionaires Bill Gates, Jeff Bezos and Warren Buffett possess as much wealth as the entire bottom half of the U.S. population.

The four chaplains I am sure would conclude that America, an empire onto itself, is in decline.

It has become a country of two cultures – the rich who have everything they need and an atrophying working class whose stagnation is breaking down the country's social fabric with growing anger, racism, political polarization and stress.

A 2019 Gallup poll found that Americans are among the world's most stressed people. They are tied with Iranians in terms of stress, and more stressed than Venezuelans, whose country is a nightmare of poverty, hunger and bad government.

Americans have good reason to be stressed. They have health care and education crises that are not being solved because needed political action is frozen by political polarization.

The drug epidemic has ruined tens of thousands of families. And gun violence: The figures are astounding – roughly 40,000 gun violence deaths in 2019, including 418 mass shootings.

Some would pin America's ills on the Trump administration, but the problems have developed over many decades.

At the core of America's serious problems is its John Wayne philosophy. Individuals who are tough, independent and need no help are "good guys." The poor and the weak are "bad guys" who can't make it because of their own faults. America punishes "bad guys."

To stop its freefall from greatness the United States must accept that the world has changed. It is a world requiring less hard-nosed individualism and more collectivism, which means working to help each other, even if it involves self-sacrifice.

That is the lesson of the four chaplains of the *Dorchester*.

It is a lesson followed by Canada and other strong democracies that provide a leg-up for those trying to get ahead, and safety nets for those who fall.

letters to the editor

Urgent appeal for forest plan feedback

To the Editor,

Let's suppose that we could take Premier Ford and John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, and place them into a few representative Ontario forest stands. Let's first have them standing within two metres of each of three pairings of mature native Ontario trees.

Now, solely by viewing the bark texture, colour, and any other particular characteristics, could either one of them on his own accurately identify and distinguish red pine from white pine, balsam fir from white spruce, or balsam poplar from sugar maple? If not, let's move these two men far enough back to view the same trees in their entirety with the deciduous pair in full summer foliage. How about now?

An unfair challenge you say? Maybe so, but these two men have introduced and promoted the draft Ontario Forest Sector Strategy, which is designed to further deregulate the operations of Ontario's forest industries.

At the core of any such strategy must be a commitment to protect biodiversity. Unfortunately, the proposed Ontario Forest Sector Strategy does not implement limits on habitat loss to protect and recover species at risk.

Please note that today is the last day for you to contribute any concerns you may have regarding this strategy. Sorry for the short notice, as I only just became aware. So, until midnight on the day of this issue of the *Times*, you may still quickly view the particulars of this potential legislation online and add your voice, for or against. Simply go to "Ontario's forest sector strategy," and then scroll down to a light blue coloured box above the "Message from the Minister," and click on the blue lettered link "Environmental Registry of Ontario." Follow the step-by-step instructions to register your comments.

Take a look at the "Key principles and the Four pillars of action." It is interesting to note that following the minister's message, "Promoting stewardship and sustainability" appears as the fourth pillar afterthought. Conversely it is given first place when you enter the registry site, pos-

sibly suggesting to the environmentally aware public that the tail may actually wag the dog. Remember, when something appears too good to be true....

Some final thoughts:

"Nature designed a forest as an experiment in unpredictability."

We are trying to design a regulated forest.

Nature designed a forest of long term trends.

We are trying to design a forest of short-term absolutes.

Nature designed a forest diversity.

We are designing a forest with simplistic uniformity.

Nature designed a forest with interrelated processes.

We are trying to design a forest based on isolated products.

Nature designed a forest in which all elements are neutral.

We are designing a forest in which we perceive some elements as good, others bad.

Nature designed a forest to be a flexible, timeless continuum of species.

We are designing forests of rigid, time-constrained monocultures.

Nature designed a forest over a landscape.

We are trying to design a forest on each acre.

Nature designed a forest to be self-sustaining and self-repairing.

We are designing forests requiring increasing external subsidies – herbicides and pesticides."

(Chris Maser, *The Redesigned Forest*)

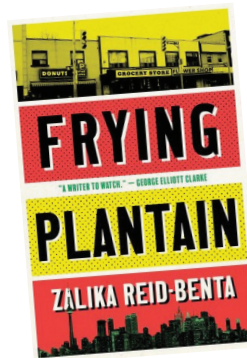
With the forest industry already exempt from the Endangered Species Act's recovery requirements, habitat disturbance is proceeding at a pace that is harming species at risk. The new proposal puts Ontario's plants and animals at even greater risk.

Clearly, this proposal will lead to further industry self-regulation coupled with ministry budget cuts. Should our Crown forests be further sacrificed to the altar of corporate shareholders' short-term profit agendas?

**John Gibb
Minden**

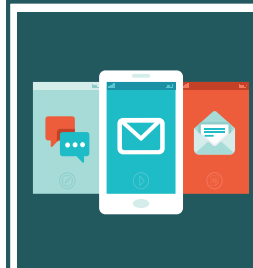
Book of the Month - February

Frying Plantain by Zalika Reid-Benta



Kara Davis is a girl caught in the middle – of her Canadian nationality and her desire to be a "true" Jamaican, and of her mother and grandmother's rages and life lessons. Set in Toronto's Eglinton West neighbourhood, Kara moves from girlhood to adulthood in these 12 interconnected stories. We see her on a visit to Jamaica, startled by the sight of a severed pig's head; in junior high, the victim of a devastating prank; and as a teenager, trying to cope with the ongoing battles between her unyielding grandparents.

Frying Plantain shows how, in one charged moment, friendship and love can turn to enmity and hate, well-meaning protection can become control, and teasing play can turn to something much darker. Zalika Reid-Benta artfully depicts the tensions between mothers and daughters, second-generation Canadians and first-generation cultural expectations, and Black identity and white society.



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As coronavirus cases rise elsewhere, HHHS takes precautions

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Jan. 30 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board.

As the HHHS board was gathered in a closed session prior to the open board meeting, the World Health Organization declared the novel coronavirus outbreak a global health emergency.

Symptoms of the 2019 novel coronavirus range from common to severe respiratory illnesses and include fever, cough, difficulty breathing, pneumonia, and kidney failure; in severe cases death can be an outcome. At press time, 259 deaths since December had been reported in China where the outbreak is believed to have originated. HHHS CEO Carolyn Plummer said the government has so far indicated the risk in Canada continues to be low.

"We are continuing to pay attention to all of the information that is coming to us in regards to the coronavirus situation," she said, noting HHHS had been in communication with the Ministry of Health, Central East Local Health Integration Network, Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit and regional health service partners to ensure the most accurate, up-to-date information was available. Her report also noted HHHS was ensuring that "we are taking the necessary actions to help protect the health and safety of our patients, residents, clients, staff, volunteers, visitors, and the community as a whole."

Increased signage at emergency departments, travel screening for those exhibiting



Carolyn Plummer, HHHS CEO, centre left, speaks at an HHHS board meeting held Jan. 30 in Haliburton. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

flu-like symptoms, and necessary infection prevention precautions are in place at area hospitals and health-care centres, including reminders for hand washing.

"A number of respiratory illnesses, including some common coronaviruses, are circulating at this time of year and it is peak flu season," said Plummer's report. "Most people with common coronavirus illness will recover on their own; members of the public can seek recommendations from their healthcare provider about steps to relieve symptoms."

In Ontario, at press time, there were three confirmed cases of novel coronavirus.

HHHS achieves accreditation

Haliburton Highlands Health Services

has officially received its accreditation designation.

"A lot of work to get there but we have officially received that so it's great news," said Plummer, who acknowledged "the hard work and effort of everybody involved in the accreditation process: staff, physicians, volunteers, folks from the various committees, board members."

Plummer said it was an "excellent process for helping identify opportunities for improvement," and based on feedback from Accreditation Canada, had established an action plan to address areas that could be improved.

"I think the plan that we have is a good one, we've already crossed some of the things off our list and we're continuing to move forward," she said.

arise," said Plummer in her report.

Anyone planning to attend and/or participate in a tour is required to pre-register by contacting Dawn Milburn at Point in Time, at 705-457-5345 x. 338 or dawnm@pointintime.ca.

Potential for personal support worker training program

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board, Haliburton County Youth Wellness Hub and HHHS are exploring the possibility of developing and implementing a local personal support worker training program.

"...[T]here is a shortage of personal support workers in the health system in general," said Plummer. "It's often very difficult in particular for home and community care services to be provided to the extent that they're needed in big part because of a lack of sufficient number of personal support workers."

"A program such as this would not only help to increase health human resources locally, but it would also help contribute to expanding educational and employment opportunities in this community," said Plummer. "It's a win-win-win all the way around and a great opportunity for our organization."

New equipment in place

Staff have been appreciating new cardiac monitoring and telemetry equipment acquired for both emergency rooms and the inpatient acute care unit through the support of the HHHS Foundation.

"The staff have been saying nothing but positive things about it," said Plummer, who noted the additional features of the new equipment compared to the old equipment helps improve patient care and the patient experience.

"Cardiac monitoring and telemetry are not only essential for patients with heart problems but are also needed for trauma, stroke, shock, hypothermia, sepsis, and many other health conditions for patients of all ages from infants to older adults," said Plummer's report. "Additionally, some medications require cardiac monitoring for safe administration. This new equipment and software also allows for transmission of cardiac data to specialists in other centres for interpretation, and if transfer is needed, it facilitates seamless patient care."

HHHS has also upgraded X-ray equipment, and is digitizing current equipment in both the Minden and Haliburton diagnostic imaging departments.

"This upgrade will help improve the accuracy of X-ray images, as well as the speed of transmission, which will help improve patient care," said Plummer's report.

Deficit continues

Haliburton Highlands Health Services continues to face a \$167,000 year-to-date deficit as of the end of November. The closure of Highland Wood long-term care home for nearly four months last year due to multiple roof leaks was responsible for most of what was then a \$245,000 year-to-date deficit as of the end of July 2019.

"HHHS is continuing to work closely with our LHIN and our health-care partners ... to address the continued funding shortfalls for the services we provide especially in regards to long-term care," said David Gray on behalf of David O'Brien, finance committee chair. "The management team is continuing to work on strategies and action plans to address these pressures, and is successfully holding the line on current operating costs on a monthly basis, without impacting services to our community."

The 2021 balanced operating plans have been submitted to the LHIN for its review and approval.

Youth Wellness Hub grand opening

The Haliburton County Youth Wellness Hub is officially open and a grand opening ceremony will be held at the Haliburton Legion at 719 Mountain Street on Feb. 6 at 11 a.m. Tours of the facility, which is located at 12 Dysart Avenue, will take place prior to the grand opening ceremony happening, at 10 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

"The Haliburton County Youth Wellness Hub offers services and supports in the areas of mental health and addictions, primary care and sexual health, employment and vocational supports, income supports and housing help, and other responsive services as needs



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Ice fishing season getting a slow start in many parts of the province

Ice fishing is a popular pastime for many of Ontario's anglers and the Ontario Conservation Officers Association would like to remind anglers to put safety first.

"Ice conditions vary greatly from one end of the province to the other," says OCOA president Sean Cronsberry, "in some parts of the province the warm weather and rain this winter has delayed many waterbodies from creating safe ice conditions. While some areas in northern Ontario have had safe ice since early December, other areas in southern Ontario are still ice free. I strongly encourage anglers who are planning a fishing excursion to check the ice conditions often, plan ahead and be prepared. By following some simple safety measures, it could save your life or the life of someone else."

Ice Safety tips:

- Check ice thickness and conditions frequently
- Clear ice should be a minimum of 10 cm (4") for walking and ice fishing, 12 cm (5") for one snowmobile or ATV, 20-30 cm (8-12") for a car or small pickup, 30-38 cm (12-15") for a medium truck (source: Lifesaving Society)
- Fish with a buddy
- Be prepared for an emergency – wear ice picks or a floater/survival suit, and have a whistle and cellphone on hand
- Let someone know where you will be and

when you plan to return. This should include where your vehicle will be parked, what route you plan to take and any stops you plan to make

- Stay off rivers and away from locks, where ice is less stable. Ice conditions in areas of moving water or spring fed lakes can be unsafe at any time, ensure the ice is safe before venturing out.

"Spending time outdoors in the winter with friends and family can be enjoyable," said Cronsberry, "but if the ice is not safe, we suggest finding activities to enjoy on shore because making it home safe at the end of the day is paramount. We wish all Ontarians a happy and safe winter season."

Anglers are reminded to review the 2020 Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary, available online and at Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry offices.

Anyone with information about a natural resources or public safety related offence is encouraged to call the MNRF violation reporting line at 1-877-847-7667, contact their local Conservation Officer directly, or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

For more information about natural resources regulations and enforcement please visit the OCOA website at <http://www.oco.ca> or contact your local Conservation Officer.

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Back pain and sitting

WE LOVE TO sit, don't we? We sit to eat, to work, to watch, and to drive. Chances are that you are sitting an average of more than 10 hours per day. That is incredibly hard on the various systems (digestive, circulatory, etc.) that keep the body functioning well and it is also hard on our backs.

Think about this for a moment: when we sit the muscles in the hip area shorten to bend our legs into the sitting position. Those muscles (and ligaments and tendons) stay like that until we stand up. After spending long periods of time in that position they don't just happily jump back to their optimal length. They are tight and they stay tight. The two options we have at that point are to walk around bent over or throw something else out of alignment in order to stand up straight. What happens when we stand up straight is that our back arches because we have to tilt our pelvis forward to be upright to compensate for the tightness caused by sitting. An arched back means a compressed spine and that means pain.

There are other problems that occur as a result of this tension such as our gluteus muscles and other parts of our core stop working properly. Ultimately this leads to more pain throughout the body that becomes worse without taking measures to correct this sitting dilemma.

So there are two things you can do. The first is to cut back on the amount of sitting that you are doing. Find ways to stand in as many circumstances as you can. I bet your Netflix time will drop if you watch all those wonderful shows standing up. The second

thing is to add this amazing stretch to your routine. It opens up the hip area and releases the tension that gets built up there. Here's how to do it:

- Get down to the floor in a kneeling position on your right knee. Your left foot is on the floor in front you. There should be a right angle at your left knee and left hip.
- Do a pelvic tilt by slightly bending your pelvis upward.
- Tighten your gluteus muscles
- Hold for five count and repeat three to five times.
- Switch to the other side and repeat the process.

To intensify the stretch try pushing down on a stick or pole of some kind (broom, hockey stick) in the opposite hand from the knee you're kneeling on. Also, adjust your position slightly to find the greatest stretch. The sensation should be felt in the upper part of your quadricep (front of the thigh).

The more you push into it the more deeply you will feel it. The greater that feeling the more the tension will be released.

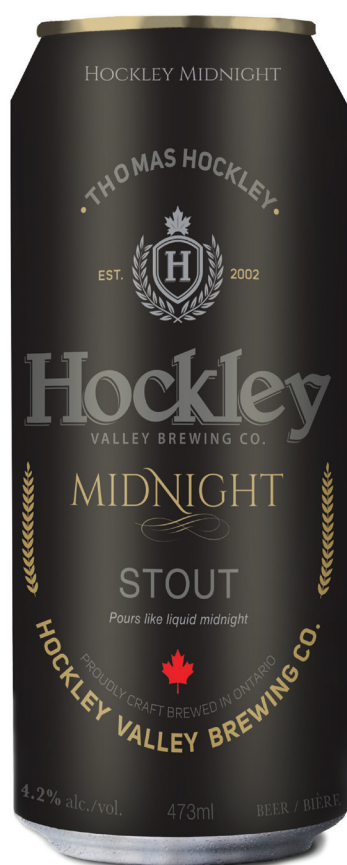
To get results, this stretch should be done one minute per side for every hour of sitting that you do in a day. I know that sounds like a lot. Trust me, as someone who has suffered from both back and hip pain it is worth the investment. Try starting with a minute or two per side per day. Every little bit helps, and it's way better than the alternative.

Something to think about.

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Harvey Lamb, sang *Molly McBride* - “an old Irish song I wrote last year” - and *Highway To The Stars* at the seventh annual Homemade Stew, held in Haliburton on Feb. 1.

Police respond to allegations of neglected dogs

Police were called to a residence in Minden Hills on Jan. 22 to investigate potential animal cruelty.

According to information provided by the Haliburton Highlands OPP, the allegations were of “ill treatment and poor living conditions for 14 hunting dogs” on the property, which is on County Road 121.

“OPP investigators have engaged animal welfare inspectors appointed by provincial animal welfare services, who are currently working directly with the family to improve the health and well-being of animals at the residence,” police said.

An OPP liaison team was called on to be the go-between with community members who are advocating on behalf of the animals.

Township to have mattress pile removed

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at a Jan. 30 Minden Hills council meeting.

The Township of Minden Hills will pay Miller Waste more than \$90,000 to dispose of the large pile of mattresses, furniture and textile amassed at the township’s Scotch Line landfill.

The township received three written quotes for the removal of the pile, which staff have estimated to weigh 850 tonnes, requiring an estimated 35 truckloads of material to be hauled away. The lowest quote came from Miller at \$90,800, plus HST.

While the township’s procurement policy requires any work with a value above \$15,000 to put through a formal request for proposals process, a report from public works director Travis Wilson requested that council consider the contract an emergency procurement, since the pile is not in compliance with the Environmental Compliance Approval for the Scotch Line landfill through the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

“You won’t see that ugly pile that’s been sitting there for years,” Wilson said. Going forward, the plan is to bring in bins for the recycling of mattresses and clothing.

Hauling hazardous waste

The township will extend a contract with Buckham Transport Limited for the transportation and processing of hazardous waste. Minden Hills hosts hazardous waste days five times per year at the Scotch Line landfill. “This agreement was part of a joint procurement partnership with the Township of Algonquin Highlands,” read a report from public works director Travis Wilson. “The original term of the agreement ended in 2017 and the township has since exercised both contractual extensions, with the agreement fully expiring Dec, 31, 2019. At present, the hazardous waste collection program is partially subsidized by the Municipal Hazardous and Special Waste program. While the township does pay Buckham for service, the funding program reimburses a portion of that cost.”

As the report indicated, the Waste Free Ontario Act will make producers of hazardous products responsible for the cost and delivery of the hazardous waste program, and that transition is set to take place in 2021.

“Under this advice, the staff from the Township of Algonquin Highlands and the Township of Minden Hills agreed that it would be appropriate to recommend a sole-source procurement from Buckham, to avoid entering into a new and lengthy contract during uncertain times,” read Wilson’s report.

With the company offering the same rates as 2019, it’s anticipated the service will cost \$51,000 for the year, that money included in the 2020 operating budget.

No washrooms for Nature’s Place

While \$30,000 toward a new washroom at Nature’s Place, the interpretive centre on the Minden Hills Cultural Centre property, had initially been included in the 2020 draft budget, that project has been removed. As a report from economic development, destination and marketing officer Emily Stonehouse indicated, the Ontario Building Code only requires that there are accessible washrooms located somewhere on the cultural centre property. Since there are accessible washrooms in the cultural centre’s main building, which is open whenever Nature’s Place is open, the project was pulled from the budget. The building, formerly R.D. Lawrence Place, did have a washroom when the building was initially constructed, but it was removed years ago.

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Applicant: Trustees of Highland Hills United Church
Part of Lot 15, Concession 1,
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WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original allowance for road between Lots 15 and 16, Concession 1, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original allowance for road between Lots 15 and 16, Concession 1, described as all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

FIRSTLY: THAT part of the original allowance for road between Lots 15 and 16, Concession 1, described as Part 4 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-10328.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on **the 20th day of February, 2020** and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. Any person who wishes to be heard by Council regarding this proposed closure must contact the Clerk to schedule a delegation with Council.

Dated: February 5th, 2020

Sean O’Callaghan
Planner
Township of Algonquin Highlands
1123 North Shore Rd.
Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1
Tel: (705) 489-2379
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NOTICE SPECIAL MEETING

2020 Budget Deliberations

TAKE NOTICE that Council will commence its 2020 budget deliberations at a Special Meeting of Council scheduled for **Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.**

TAKE NOTICE that Council will continue its 2020 budget deliberations during its Regular Meeting scheduled for **Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.**

Both meetings will take place in the Council Chambers located at 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands.

Dated this 29th day of January, 2020.

Dawn Newhook, Clerk
Township of Algonquin Highlands
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Vicki Sisson, centre, of the Freeform Fibre Collective, presents a cheque to Shirley Moore, left, and Fay Martin of Places for People, proceeds coming from prize money and the sale of a jacket the collective created for Fashion Fallies this past November. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

Starry Night for Places for People

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Not-for-profit housing organization Places for People, along with the YWCA's HERS women's shelter, both recently received a boost from a group of fibre art fanatics.

During November's Fashion Fallies, an annual, Haliburton-centric fashion show hosted at the Haliburton School of Art + Design, a group of local ladies who gather under the banner of the Freeform Fibre Collective

won an award for one of their pieces. Starry Haliburton Night is a denim Japanese Haori-style jacket embellished with inspiration from Vincent Van Gogh famous painting *The Starry Night*. The group consists of Vicki Sisson, Catherine Dennis, Jacqui Clarkson, Susan Hay and Chris Lynd.

Following the show, someone purchased the jacket and the group took their prize money along with the sale money and decided to donate to two local charitable causes. It was the second consecutive year the group has done so. Places for People and HERS each received cheques for \$225.

Fun at the CarQuest spiel

On Jan. 28, 16 senior men's teams played in two draws in the Minden CarQuest Bonspiel. The overall winning team from the first draw was from Minden, skipped by Dave Millington, vice Bert Kennedy, second Bruce McClennan, and lead Dave Pentney. The winning team in the late draw was skipped by Walt Hyatt of Sarnia, with team

members from Minden: Mark Chadwick, Richard Kennedy, and Andy Walker. A close second-place finish was skipped by Minden's Jeff Cook, with Iain Kay, Dave Tranter, and Andy Forrest. All teams expressed that they had a fun filled day of curling in the CarQuest spiel.

Submitted by Pauline Plooard



Right, Team Cook,
below left Team
Hyatt, below right,
Team Millington



Starry Night in Haliburton is a denim Japanese Haori-style jacket embellished with inspiration from Vincent Van Gogh's *The Starry Night*. Night. /Photo submitted

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CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS CEMETERY ADVISORY BOARD

The Township of Minden Hills is looking for volunteers to participate as members on the Cemetery Advisory Board which governs the operations of the cemeteries which are located within the boundaries of Minden Hills and which are owned by or fall under the responsibility of the municipality.

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Cemetery Board Advisory Committee Application
Clerk's Department, 2nd floor
Township of Minden Hills
7 Milne Street, PO Box 359
Minden, ON K0M 2K0

or email: sprentice@mindenhills.ca

This is an open call for applications until membership is filled.

For more information, please contact Vicki Bull, Clerk at 705-286-1260 x. 215 or vbull@mindenhills.ca.

Application Forms are available online at <https://mindenhills.ca/advisory-committees-2/>.

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CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMUNITY CENTRE FUNDRAISING WORKING GROUP

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- enjoy being involved in an interactive volunteer committee, and/or
- want to be part of a historic, community based project for Minden Hills, and/or
- have fundraising experience, and/or
- administrative skills

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What’s old is new again for Carl Dixon

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

A new album from West Guilford’s famous rocker Carl Dixon, who was a band member of April Wine, The Guess Who and Coney Hatch, is taking fans back to what they love him best for – rock and roll.

Unbroken is a powerful collection of music with a sound that is reminiscent of a time when hair and shoulder pads were big, neon colours were bright, jean waists were high and knees ripped, and ponytails were askew. It’s the kind of album that will make rock and roll fans happy to not just hear with the volume turned up, but to feel through their chests, and out to their fingers and down to their toes.

The album was released on Nov. 29 in Germany through German record company, AOR Heaven Records. It was subsequently released in Japan and then in Canada a few weeks ago.

Born in Sault Ste. Marie, Dixon said this eighth solo album is a return for him artistically and an exhibition of who he is now, particularly since getting married in 2016 and a near-death traumatic car crash in Australia in 2008.

“It brought me back to a place where I have a huge amount of experience and confidence and fans that want to hear that sound from



Carl Dixon loves his West Guilford home for the peace and the respite it provides him. Dixon welcomes fans to enjoy his latest solo effort, new album *Unbroken*. Purchase autographed copies from his website at www.carldixon.com or look for the album at Haliburton County Folk Society racks in the Highlands. Submitted by Carl Dixon

me. I recognize now in retrospect the events of my accident changed how I viewed things. When you write and perform music you’re writing and performing your personality and thoughts unless you’re some kind of machine music guy that doesn’t invest emotionally,” he said. “When people are writing and per-

forming it really is an expression of where you are in your life.”

He adds his past albums reflect this, characterizing his solo albums as having a “gentler sound.”

“This rock album probably is the finest example of that work I’ve ever done. There are Coney Hatch fans that will say, ‘Oh, we like that stuff so much.’ But to me, this is bigger and fully realized and more mature than what we did with Coney Hatch. I do love that band. We still play shows together ... this is like putting on a comfortable suit, but now

it’s all shiny and blinged.”

Unbroken was produced with his fans and those who love this genre of music as the focus.

“I wanted to create this experience for the people that would appreciate it the most and, if I did that strongly enough, created this ball of energy in a focused way, it couldn’t help but pull in other people along the way,” he said. “It doesn’t really work, especially today to try an appeal to the whole world.”

Thematically, the album is about overcoming challenges, he adds.

“The joy there is in life and having survived many difficult things and coming out the other side with appreciation for life because the longer we live the more we go through those experiences, those transition experiences, those challenges that you either have to rise and overcome or you’re stopped in your tracks. That’s what I think is the theme. The transition and the moving on to bigger and better things. Don’t get stuck in a bad place,” he said.

He said the 11-song album was purposefully ordered to provide listeners a musical journey.

The songs that stand out for him most are the first song, *Can’t Love a Memory* and the last song, *Unbroken*, which were interestingly written reverse to the order of play.

“They both stand out to me as something special for the lyrical content, the melody and the energy in them. I would say those jump to mind. But, you know, I like them all a lot. There’s a few that I think, ‘Gee, I wish I had written this back in the ’80s when [Coney

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Answers on page 14

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Where: At the Minden Community Centre
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When: Saturday, Feb. 8, Doors Open at 5 p.m. Dinner is at 6 p.m.

Where: Galway Hall

To reserve tickets, phone 705 488-3053, tickets: \$20 each

Country Music Jamboree

When: Feb. 9 from 1 to 4:30 p.m., open mic

Where: Coboconk Legion

Hosted by the Country Hot Flashes with Scott Russell and Ron Lister. Food made available by the Legion Ladies Auxiliary at a reasonable cost. Admission: \$8.

Highlands Male Chorus: Winter Interlude

When: Sunday, Feb. 9 at 3 p.m.

Where: Haliburton United Church

General admission: adults - \$15, children under 16 - \$5, family - \$35. Tickets available at Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton and Pharmasave in Minden

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust for Wetlands and Climate Change Presentation

When: February 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Minden Hills Cultural Centre

Presentation led by Paul Heaven, wildlife biologist/consultant about wetlands and their important role in mitigating climate change.

Affordable Housing Development Incentives

Information Session for Kawartha Lakes and County of Haliburton

When: Feb. 11 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Where: Haliburton Legion, 719 Mountain St. Haliburton
For more information contact Elise Karklins ekarklins@kawarthalakes.ca

705-324-9870 ext 3105

Enviro-Cafe: A Green New Deal for Oshawa?

When: Tuesday, Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Highland Hills U. C., Minden

What: Speaker, Russ Christianson will talk about how thousands of workers could be back to work building electric vehicles in a "Green New Deal for Oshawa."

Admission: by donation

For more info: Terry Moore at 705-306-9254

Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, Feb. 12, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1205.

Haliburton & District Lions Club Polar Bear Challenge

When: Saturday, Feb. 15

Registration at 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Event starts at 1 p.m.

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Highlands provides refuge for songwriter

from page 12

Hatch] had a record deal.' One called *Summer Nights*, if this was the '80s, this would be the single and the video," he said.

He points out the one ballad, *All My Love and Hopes For You* is a "very tender song about people that I miss."

The song, *Every Step of the Way*, is about commitment.

"When you have commitment with somebody to them and to each other and to a purpose then all your decisions are easy."

This album comes on the heels of his last album, *Whole Nother Thing*, which was based in the country music genre. The origins of Dixon's collaboration with the German record company goes back to the morning after a concert in Nottingham, England in 2011, when AOR Heaven Records owner Georg Siegel asked about making an album with Coney Hatch. That didn't materialize, but Dixon kept in touch with Siegel over the years. Fast forward to 2018. Siegel offered a solo album deal to Dixon, believing he and German guitarist Robert Boebel could work well together. For the first time in Dixon's career, he would produce an album without ever seeing the collaborator in person.

"The process was he'd have a musical idea, send it to me as an MP3 attachment. I would listen to it and then I'd get a feeling for the lyrics and the melody that I wanted to put to it and so I would rough that out here and send it back. He'd take it another step and then I'd get a track that was the complete length of the song and record all the vocals in my home studio and then send those overseas on the internet back to his studio in Germany," he said.

He adds his German counterpart in this process handled the music. This process, which didn't include any real time feedback, worked out well for each other. One negative with only reading text brought a chance for misunderstanding. During an email exchange, Dixon compared one song to the well-known Bon Jovi song, *Living on a Prayer*. Boebel misinterpreted that comparison as an insult.

Dixon's wife Helen suggested they Skype, enabling com-

munication with video.

It worked. The two could see each other while speaking, which allowed both of them to see expressions and better understand each other.

The writing and recording occurred simultaneously (in "fits and starts when there was free time from travelling and making a living") from the start of 2018 to August, 2019.

Since 2004 Dixon has happily lived in West Guilford.

It's a place that is near to his heart and has enabled him to find peace.

"The idea of this place Haliburton. This house and our land where I live now has become my refuge and my happy escape from the difficult moments. To be present in this forest, these lakes, this land, these people, this community, it really has affected my peace of mind and my confidence and happiness. Certainly, that's come out in a lot of the lyrics," he said.

He also attributed a lot of his grounding and positive outlook to his Australian wife, Helen Dixon.

"Love really is a huge factor in our lives," he said. "Good love especially."

The couple have been married since 2016.

He is thankful to the Highlands for the support he's been given.

"Thank you to Haliburton County for taking me in and making this life a beautiful thing," he said.

Dixon said there aren't any scheduled upcoming dates to perform in the Highlands, but welcomes the idea of a concert here. As for any other albums in the near future?

Dixon didn't rule it out.

"You're never done when you're an artist. There's always new things to learn and seek, but I felt like this is the most fully realized expression of my singing and writing that I've achieved yet across the course of a whole album," he said.

Dixon said he is working on having the album available locally through the Haliburton County Folk Society, which has racks available around the county, and at Canoe FM, as well as autographed copies on his website at www.carldixon.com.

Bowling Scores

Monday afternoon, Jan. 27

High Average (cumulative)

Women - Cathy Snell - 220

Men - Rick West - 224

This Week's Highs - Women

High Single - Cathy Snell - 254

High Single Hcp - Cathy Snell - 258

High Triple - Cathy Snell - 666

High Triple Hcp - Bev Alexander - 698

This Week's Highs - Men

High Single - Claude Cote - 246

High Single Hcp - Claude Cote - 267

High Triple - Claude Cote - 622

High Triple Hcp - Claude Cote - 685

Tuesday, Jan. 28

Men

High Average - Claude Cote - 197

High Single - Ken Thompson - 236

High Single H/C - Brian Haslam - 272

Al Humphries - 272

John Pugh - 272

High Triple - Claude Cote - 655

High Triple H/C - Claude Cote - 724

Women

High Average - Chris Cote - 183

High Single - Rae Shephard - 209

High Single H/C - Lynda Weir - 270

High Triple - Mabel Clendenning - 508

High Triple H/C - Lynda Weir - 682

Thursday, Jan. 30

High Average - Nancy Charlton - 189

Doug Reinwald - 193

Ladies:

High Single - Nancy Charlton - 237

High Single w/hdcp - Nancy Charlton - 266

High Triple - Nancy Charlton - 572

High Triple w/hdcp - Elli Welch - 703

Men:

High Single - Doug Reinwald - 226

High Single w/hdcp - Stu Vanderburg - 273

High Triple - Doug Reinwald - 558

High Triple w/hdcp - Jim Routcliffe - 675

Haliburton Red Wolves Bowling Scores

Casey Heley 250, Luke Shapiera 211, Brittany Gautreau 166, Russell Whetstone 165, Emily Boccitto 161, Andrea Austin 155, Lucas Anderson 288, Sarah Hudson 201, Kim Buie 178, Casey Heley 161, Jason Kitchener 158, Andrew Bourgeois 158

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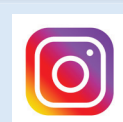
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of the late
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Your help and encouragement was amazing and I can never thank-you enough.

A special thank-you to Dr. Bottum and the GAIN team for her care, to Dwaine and the staff of Haliburton Community Funeral Home for their guidance and great luncheon and to Randy Warburton for his prayers and wonderful service.

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Celebration of Marjorie's Life and Interment will be held at a later date. Cremation has taken place.

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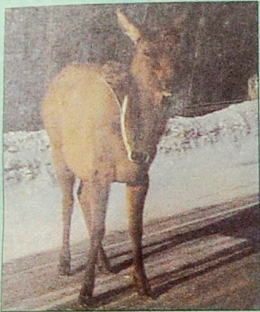
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An elk on Eagle

A recent spotting of a female elk has captured everyone's attention on Eagle Lake.

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The map man

Creating maps is not only a passion but is also an avid past time for the Beaudrys.

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Notable quotes:

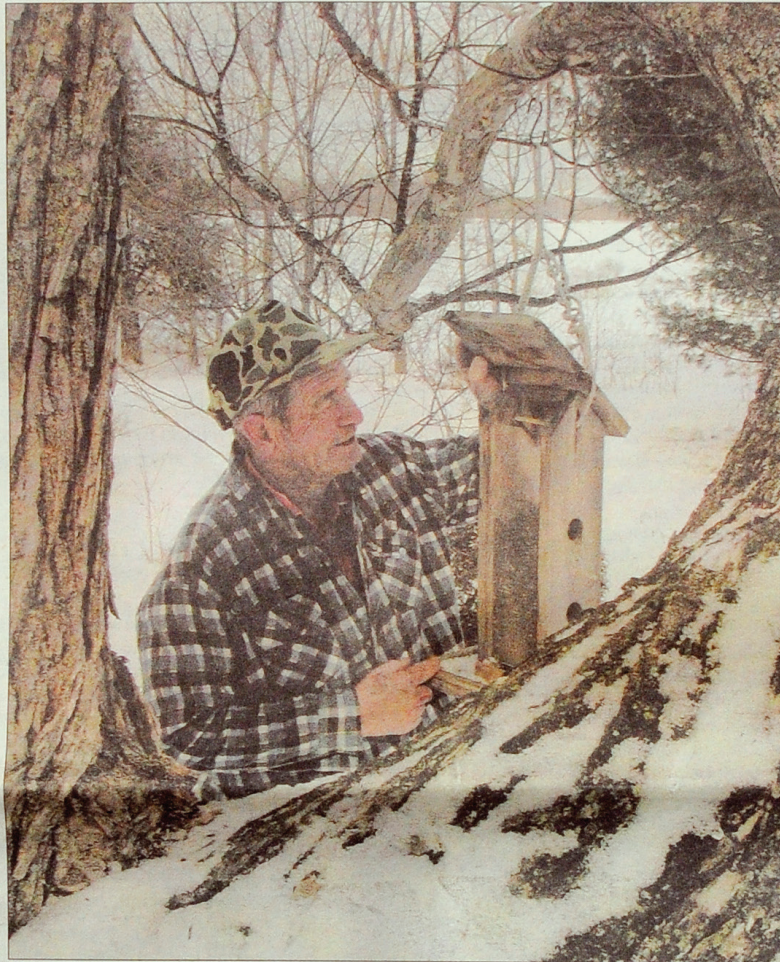
"We're not out to change municipalities. We just want to have a community centre."

Don Dyson, page 4

Commentary:

"Let's get this straight - Ross Rigney, our reeve, said the town cannot afford to help the 911 committee, but the town will water the flowers."

Letter from Charles Gerdtische, page 8



Allison Taylor/TIMES

In the past few weeks, eight dead birds have appeared on Joe Rivers' Deep Bay Road lawn. To reduce the risk of salmonella, he's cleaned out all of his bird feeders; other avian enthusiasts are asked to do the same.

Salmonella outbreak going to the birds in Minden

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

With eight dead birds spread eagle on his property within the last two weeks, Joe Rivers knew something was up and whatever it was, it was falling erratically from the skies over his Minden home.

"We didn't know what was happening so I decided to make a few calls," Rivers said standing in the middle of his front yard last week off Deep Bay Road.

Fresh snow had fallen and was now covering the ground where the dead birds were found only days ago.

With at least five feeders located strategically around his house and a variety of birds paying homage to the seed he dishes out on a regular basis, Rivers didn't know he was the latest victim of a salmonella epidemic that hit the province in January.

After he found the third or fourth bird puffing its feathers and falling dead around the base of the feeders, Rivers knew that something was up.

One of his first phone calls was to the Minden Animal Clinic.

"We've had a couple of calls and have heard some reports of sick birds in the area," said the clinic's veterinarian Peter Bennett.

There have been reports of birds dropping from the skies in Norland, Minden Hills and around the county; the source of the concern wasn't officially identified until recently.

Bennett sent a few samples from dead birds to the Canadian Co-operative Wildlife Health Centre at the University of Guelph. Just recently they learned the results. The clinic has officially identified one dead bird with having salmonella in its system. The bird tested was an Evening Grosbeak and is the only bird in the county to be officially identified with the infectious bacteria known as salmonella.

see SONGBIRDS page 4

New Minden Hills CAO to start in April

Gerry Morrison comes with 20 years' experience

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

It's been months in the making but Minden Hills council can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel.

The search for a new chief administrative officer and clerk for the municipality is officially closed as council announced the newest addition to the township's payroll at a meeting last week.

In a unanimous decision during a closed-door meeting on February 28, Minden Hills hired Gerry Morrison to end the CAO search that began last October.

Morrison brings better than 20 years of municipal experience to the council table, Reeve Ross Rigney said during a break from the council meeting. He currently is the

clerk/treasurer/administrator in the Cramahe Township in Colborne, where he has worked for the past 10 years.

"We're very pleased," Rigney said. "We're glad to get him. We got a good guy."

Within the next week Morrison will be house hunting in the area with his family.

There were four candidates in this round of interviews. The municipality was in negotiations with a prospective candidate at the end of January, but an agreement between the two parties could not be reached. Minden Hills advertised for the position again in February and found Morrison to fill the void starting in April.

Treasurer Mary Jane Irwin has been filing the role as acting CAO-Clerk since the departure of Tammy McKelvey in January. She will continue with her role as treasurer.

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